

## Board Notes — August 26, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Education of Newton Unified School District 373 convened in open and public session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2024, in the Board of Education meeting room located at 308 E 1<sup>st</sup>, Newton, KS.

**Members Present:** Ian Long, Mallory Morton, Andy Ortiz, Melissa Schreiber, Dayna Steinmetz, Ercia Stevens

**Others Present:** Superintendent Fred Van Ranken, Assistant Superintendent Joe Sample, Director of Business/Human Resources Jane Nichols, Administrative Assistant/Board Clerk Joni Jantz, and Director of Communications Carly Stavola

### 1. Opening of Meeting

Melissa Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Melissa Schreiber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

— Adopt the agenda as presented.

### 2. Presentations/Reports

#### RSP District Operations Study

Robert Schwarz and Ginna Wallace from RSP & Associates presented information to the board regarding a district operations study for the purpose of long-range planning. After discussion, board members were in consensus to move forward with the study.

— Approve moving forward with the RSP District Operations Study in the amount of \$93,500.

### 3. Comments from the Public

There were no comments.

### 4. Consent Agenda

The board voted to:

— Approve the August 12, 2024 minutes as presented.

— Approve the bills as presented.

— Approve the August 26, 2024 Personnel Report as presented.

Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Hire	Resignation/ Termination
McGinnis	Shana	Reg. Ed. Aide	OA	8/23/2024		x
Colahan	Allison	Sp. Ed. Para	Cooper	8/15/2024		x
Rende	Miki	Sp. Ed. IR Teacher	CMS	8/23/2024		x
Martin	Dakota	Bus Aide	Service Ctr	8/21/2024		x
Sneed	Seneca	ELL Aide	CMS	5/22/2024		x
Martinez	Adrian	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	6/27/2024		x
Smith	Tristian	Food Service	SF	8/19/2024		x
Fitch	Kristen	Reg. Ed. Aide	SB	8/22/2024	x	
Stockdale	Adrian	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	8/22/2024	x	
Hornberger	Elizabeth	Sp. Ed. Para	SC	8/22/2024	x	
Buethner	Karleigh	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	8/22/2024	x	

Wilkes	Daysharia	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	8/22/2024	x	
Boaldin	Nicole	Asst Gymnastic Co	NHS	8/20/2024	x	
Cordero	Mayra	ELL Aide	SC	8/20/2024	x	
Kohlman	Jeffery	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	8/20/2024	x	
Andrews	Jeffrey	Network Admin	ETC	8/20/2024	x	
Newhouse	Jeremy	Asst. FB Coach	NHS	8/16/2024	x	
Gouvion	Brianna	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	8/16/2024	x	
Floro	Adrianna	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	8/16/2024	x	
McHenry	Susanne	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	8/15/2024	x	
Foster	Tamika	Food Service	NR	8/15/2024	x	
Lunsford	Michael	Perm Buiding Sub	CMS	8/13/2024	x	
De La Rosa Barboza	Liliana	Sp. Ed. Para	SB	8/13/2024	x	
Brown	Mariah	Sp. Ed. Para	SF	8/13/2024	x	
Newdigger	Cali	Sp Ed Para/SubTchr	SF/Dist-Wide	8/13/2024	x	
Lee	Airionna	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	8/13/2024	x	
Logan	Jennifer	Part-Time Occup. Therapist	SB/SC	8/22/2024	x	
Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Effective Date	Change of Assignment/Transfer	
Loescher	Brigitte	Sp. Ed. Para	CMS	8/20/2024	From 33.75 hrs/wk to 35 hrs/wk	
Glenn	Mary	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	8/19/2024	From 20 hrs/wk to 33.75 hrs/wk	
Moore	Tammie	Reg. Ed. Aide	Cooper	8/21/2024	From 32.5 hrs/wk to 33.75 hrs/wk	
Madlock	Hailie	Reg. Ed. Aide	NR	8/23/2024	Sp. Ed. Para @ NR	
Fisher	Mariah	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	8/14/2024	From 6.75 hrs/day to 7 hrs/day	
Wilson	Amy	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	8/14/2024	From 6.75 hrs/day to 7 hrs/day	
Ray	Jessica	Sp. Ed. Para	Cooper	8/15/2024	From 40 hrs/week to 35 hrs/week	
Loehr	Ferne	Bus Aide	Service Ctr	8/21/2024	From 4.5 hrs/day to 6 hrs/day	
Ayala Esparza	Stephanie	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	8/20/2024	From 21 hrs/week to 10.5 hrs/week	
Reichenberger	Anneliese	German Teacher	NHS	8/16/2024	Add Asst. Scholar's Bowl @ NHS	
Gooch	Jeremy	SpEd Transition Coord	NHS	8/16/2024	Add Asst. Football Coach @ NHS	
Swanson	Shanda	Tchr/Prom Coord	NHS	8/16/2024	Remove Prom Coordinator	
Ives	Amy	Music Teacher	NHS	8/16/2024	Add Prom Coordinator	
Nickel	Eunice	Math Teacher	NHS	8/16/2024	Remove AP Coordinator	
Bergman	Cathlina	Media Specialist	NHS	8/16/2024	Add AP Coordinator	
Arellano	Mike	Bus Aide	Service Ctr	8/21/2024	From 4 hrs/day to 6 hrs/day	
Martin	Dakota	Bus Aide	Service Ctr	8/21/2024	From 4 hrs/day to 6 hrs/day	
Neises	Marvin	Bus Driver	Service Ctr	8/21/2024	From 4 hrs/day to 6 hrs/day	
Clipper	Taylor	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	9/3/2024	From 20.25 hrs/wk to 33.75 hrs/wk	
Wade	Kainan	Sp. Ed. Para	NR	8/20/2024	From 12.6 hrs/wk to 4.42 hrs/wk	
Kirkpatrick	Korrine	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	8/27/2024	Add Bus Aide @ Transportation	
Bland	Tasha	Sp. Ed. Para	HCSEC	8/23/2024	From 33.75 hrs/wk to 36 hrs/wk	
DeWitt	Anna	Sp. Ed. Para	NHS	8/26/2024	From 33.75 hrs/wk to 32.5 hrs/wk	

Antonowich	Lisa	PE Teacher/Coach	NHS	8/21/2024	Resign Asst Girls BB Coach@CMS Only
Boese	Tyler	Asst. Girls BB Coach	NHS	8/21/2024	Head Boys BB & Head 7th Girls BB@CMS
Mick	Richard	PE Teacher	NHS	8/19/2024	Add Asst Cross Country Coach@NHS
Unruh	Mark	Substitute Teacher	District-Wide	8/26/2024	Sp. Ed. IR Long Term Sub @ CMS

Resignation/Termination/Transfer/Change of Assignment shall be deemed accepted upon approval of this report by the Board of Education.

- Approve the quotes presented to replace HVAC at two locations.
- Approve the 2024-25 EmberHope-OA MOU as presented.

## 5. Old Business

The board voted to:

- Approve the 2024-25 Newton High School Staff Handbook as presented.
- Approve the agreement with OVM as presented.

## Santa Fe Capital Expenditure Possibilities from Existing Bond Funds-continued discussion

Gary Holler with Schaefer Architecture was present to answer any questions regarding the list of possible improvements at Santa Fe with the remaining bond funds. Board members inquired about the possibility of covered walk way between the main building and the gymnasium. Mr. Holler will provide an estimate of this improvement.

## 2024-25 Handbooks for Review

The 2024-25 South Breeze Elementary Staff Handbook was presented to the board for review and administration will be seeking approval at the September 9 board meeting.

## 6. New Business

The Board voted to:

- Approve gift requests as presented.

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Fraternal Order Eagles Auxiliary President	USD 373 Food Service	Assist with meals accounts	\$800.00
KanEquip, Inc.	Newton High School	Railerpalooza FFA Meal	\$560.00
Agco Corporation	NHS Welding Program	Welding Simulator	\$50,000.00
Janet Hanson	South Breeze Elem	Monitor & television for office area	\$500.00

## Gifts Under \$500: For Information Only

Donation From	To Building/Dept	Description	Value/Amt
Grace Community Church	Newton High School	Railerpalooza FFA Meal	\$150.00
Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council	Newton High School	Railerpalooza FFA Meal	\$100.00
Roofing Services Unlimited	South Breeze Elementary	Recess equipment	\$200.00

- Approve the MOA with KDADS as presented.
- Approve the MHIT MOU with Prairie View.

## Policy GAOE-Workers Compensation Revision

Board policy GAOE - Workers Compensation was presented to the board for review reflecting revisions recommended by KASB. Administration will be seeking approval of this policy at the September 9 board meeting.

## **New Course Proposal**

Joe Sample presented information on a new course proposal for Newton High. This College Spanish semester course will be a dual credit with Hutchinson Community College and administration will be seeking approval at the September 9 board meeting.

## **7. Reports**

### **BOE Committee Reports**

No reports.

### **Building Reports**

Building reports for Santa Fe 5/6 Center, Chisholm Middle, Newton High School, Opportunity Academy and 373 Athletics were provided to the board for information.

## **8. Closing of Meeting**

### **BOE Review of Self-Evaluation**

BOE self-evaluation feedback was provided to board members. Reminder to board members to complete their form and leave it with Mr. Van Ranken.

### **Board Comments**

Several board members attended the Slate Creek Inclusive Playground grand opening today at 5:00 p.m. It has been an exciting start to the school year. Reminder to the public that board members are public servants and reach out if you have questions. Also, reminder that many students are riding bikes to school and for drivers to be vigilant in watching out for the safety of our students. The Fall Fest Sports kickoff will be on Thursday and Friday this week, check the schedule for times of activities.

### **Adjournment**

Move to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Background information on agenda items may be found in BoardDocs at:  
<https://go.boarddocs.com/ks/usd373/Board.nsf/Public>